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## LETTERS

### A NATION NOW EXTINCT

Thank you for the . . . interesting and cogent articles, with special thanks for [Richard E.] Bennett's piece ["A Nation Now Extinct," American Indian Origin Theories as of 1820: Samuel L. Mitchill, Martin Harris, and the New York Theory," *Journal of the Book of Mormon and Other Restoration Scripture* 20/2 (2011): 30-69]. I have hoped for some years that a competent scholar would produce just such a piece. It pleases me that he has now done it.

JOHN L. SORENSON

### SOLOMON HARRIS

The article by Susan Easton Black and Larry Porter ("Rest Assured, Martin Harris Will Be Here in Time," 20/1 [2011]: 5-27) mentions that when Martin Harris was rebaptized in 1870 he was also baptized for his deceased "uncle," Solomon Harris. I find a brother named Solomon Harris for Martin but no uncle.

LYLE FLETCHER

*We really appreciate your welcome critique. You are 100% correct, and we are embarrassed to tears. How "Uncle Solomon" slipped by us both is beyond our comprehension because we knew better. Yes, Solomon is the recognized brother of Martin Harris and not an uncle. Thank you for picking up on it so readily and alerting us to what was more than a slight oversight. We examined the text forever and still had a black hole on transposing that relationship somehow.*

LARRY PORTER

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Emma's Hymns

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